

State road maps. But growing up in Jackson, Clifford demonstrated the abilities and qualities needed to be successful in a wide variety of pursuits and political endeavors. After earning a degree in agriculture from the University of Wyoming, he rose quickly through the ranks, serving as a trustee of his alma mater, a Teton County commissioner, and later, in the mid-1960s, as Governor of Wyoming.

As Governor, Clifford Hansen brought an end to laws banning miscegenation, boosted the minimum wage, and secured higher retirement pay for State workers, among many other things. He also increased fair employment practices and secured more financial assistance for public schools and higher education. He then served two terms in the U.S. Senate and compiled an equally impressive list of accomplishments there.

I had the privilege of meeting Clifford Hansen in 1977, when I came to Washington as a wide-eyed freshman Senator. I will never forget the warmth and kindness Senator Clifford showed me, helping me get acclimated to my new surroundings and responsibilities. He was a conservative's conservative—a public servant of rock-solid integrity and unwavering devotion who believed in the time-honored principles of fiscal responsibility and less government. He was just as devoted to his beloved wife of more than 75 years, Martha, and their two children, Mary and Peter.

One of Senator Hansen's many gifts was his human touch. He always treated everyone the same, no matter what their station in life—with a warm smile, a hearty handshake, and unfeigned respect. No wonder he was so beloved by so many, everyone from Senate colleagues and staff to custodial and cafeteria workers.

More than three decades after coming to Washington, I am still privileged to serve in the Senate. And even though Clifford Hansen retired from the Senate in 1978, the years have not dimmed my memories of him and the high esteem with which I hold him. I cherish his memory and honor his service. And my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time are with his beloved Martha and other family members and devoted friends.

He will be missed.

NATIONAL NUCLEAR PROGRAM WORKERS DAY

Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I rise to honor nuclear weapons program workers and uranium miners, millers and haulers. Tomorrow, October 30, 2009, has been designated by Congress as a national day of remembrance for these workers and their families.

During the Cold War, these men and women served the United States by working in the Department of Energy's nuclear plants, exposing themselves to hazardous materials. As a result of this exposure, many developed illnesses and sacrificed their well-being for the sake of our Cold War victory.

This day of remembrance is particularly important to Kentuckians, because of men and women who have worked—and still work—for the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Paducah, KY, since 1952. During the Cold War, this plant enriched the uranium for the weapons that kept America safe. Back then, this plant provided jobs to a small town and helped Paducah grow. What these workers did not necessarily know then was that they were not just going to work for a paycheck, but they were sacrificing themselves to protect our national security. Now, during a time of high unemployment, the plant continues to provide jobs by cleaning up the nuclear waste of the Cold War era.

Our Nation's nuclear workers have bravely served our country at a time when we needed them most and they deserve to be honored. Today, I, alongside the Nation, recognize these fine men and women for the sacrifices they have made.

AUTISM

Mr. KIRK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following op-ed article written by Doug Flutie and printed in the Boston Globe on October 17, 2009, be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

Massachusetts may have the best health care in the country, but it doesn't cover the treatment for the fastest-growing health threat to children—autism. Autism affects brain function and impairs communication, social interaction, and sensory modulation skills. The most recent statistics show that 1 in 91 children has autism, with the incidence four times as high in boys. More than 500 babies born this year in Massachusetts will soon be diagnosed with autism. What their parents will learn first—what my wife, Laurie, and I have learned from our son Dougie—is that while the hopes and dreams for their child may change, they will also intensify. Parents will learn that, with early intervention, children with autism can make significant strides—a fact backed up by extensive studies. They'll find that their pediatricians and neurologists will prescribe intense one-on-one speech, occupational, physical, and behavioral therapies. And then they'll be dismayed to discover that, though they've always paid their health care premiums, their health plans will not cover these services.

Why don't health plans cover treatments for the fastest-growing health threat to children? There is a contradiction between the role of schools versus that of medicine and health plans. Federal law stipulates that schools provide services necessary to allow all children to "access the curriculum." While critical to helping children with autism excel in the classroom, this in no way replaces their need for therapy to improve long-term brain functioning—not only to get through an average day, but to lay the foundation for the rest of their lives. School superintendents are powerful in asking health plans to step up to ensure that children with autism, like all others, are sent to school ready to learn. They expect health plans to provide glasses to students with poor eyesight, or even chemotherapy to children with cancer, so they have every right to expect

that children with autism will receive out-of-school autism therapy. Foundations like The Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism and Advocates for Autism of Massachusetts work hard to fill the gaps in services and opportunities for children with autism. We also work to make up for the absence of the lead player in supporting the treatment of any medical condition: health plans.

In the health plans' absence, parents are left to pay privately or see their children go without autism therapies.

Those of us who can afford it (comfortably or through extreme means) see the incredible difference these services make in our children's ability to communicate, learn, function as part of the family and the community, and simply stay safe.

Those who can't afford it face the pain of being unable to give their child services proven to radically improve their developmental outlook.

Autism coverage isn't just the right thing; it's the financially smart thing. This coverage will cost just \$2.28 per member per month. Alternatively, the average lifetime cost for an adult with autism is estimated at \$3.2 million. Research shows that with effective early intensive intervention up to 47 percent of individuals can lead independent lives without state-funded supports. Additionally, they will each make an estimated \$1.7 million contribution as taxpayers, bringing the actual savings of autism coverage per person to \$4.9 million. While not all individuals will achieve this outcome, even moderate gains result in significant savings to taxpayers.

The Legislature is considering a bill that requires health plans to treat autism as a medical condition and pay for its treatments. Fifteen states have already passed similar legislation. This state needs to join them in ending insurance discrimination against people with autism.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

MICDS CELEBRATION

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, on November 3, 2009, three former Senate colleagues will be honored in a special ceremony at Mary Institute and Saint Louis Country Day School, MICDS, in St. Louis, MO. Former Senators Jack Danforth, Tom Eagleton, and Pete Wilson will be celebrated in a bronze bas relief by artist Harry Weber.

When the three distinguished U.S. Senators served together from 1983 to 1987, it marked the first time in history that three Members of the Senate serving simultaneously were graduates of the same secondary school, at that time Saint Louis Country Day School. They are being honored as part of the School's Sesquicentennial Celebration. Please join me in congratulating my three Senate colleagues and MICDS on 150 years of shaping generations of leaders and preparing their students for lives of purpose and service.●

TRIBUTE TO ANN HIGDON

● Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate Ms. Ann Higdon of Dayton, OH, who was recently awarded The Purpose Prize, sponsored by Civic Ventures, The Atlantic Philanthropies, and the John Templeton Foundation.

The Purpose Prize recognizes socially engaged leaders over 60 who have demonstrated that social innovation is not just a pursuit for the young.

Ann received this important award for her work with Improved Solutions for Urban Systems, an organization that helps Dayton-area dropouts earn diplomas while training for jobs in health care, construction, computer operations, and manufacturing.

Like too many young Ohioans today, Ann Higdon had to cope with the feeling of helplessness while growing up. Homeless as a child, she had no love and little desire to learn.

She finished school, however, with the encouragement and kind words of just one teacher. Over the years, Ann has dedicated herself to making sure that young Ohioans receive the same inspiration she did.

I applaud Ann's vision and leadership as she helps bring hope to disadvantaged youth in Ohio.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:52 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2996) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 2:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 832. An act to amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal charter to the Military Officer Association of America, and for other purposes.

S. 1694. An act to allow the funding for the interoperable emergency communications grant program established under the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 to remain available until expended through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following bill was discharged from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, and referred as indicated:

S. 1938. A bill to establish a program to reduce injuries and deaths caused by cellphone use and texting while driving; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1963. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide assistance to caregivers of veterans, to improve the provision of health care to veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3617. An act to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3492. A communication from the Regulatory Analyst, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Scales; Accurate Weights, Repairs, Adjustments or Replacements After Inspection" (RIN0580-AB09) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3493. A communication from the Regulatory Analyst, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States Standards for Rough Rice, Brown Rice for Processing, and Milled Rice" (RIN0580-AA94) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3494. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act that occurred between fiscal years 2001 and 2008 relative to the District of Columbia Courts account; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3495. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a quarterly report entitled, "Acceptance of Contributions for Defense Programs, Projects, and Activities; Defense Cooperation Account"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3496. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of the Navy converting to contract aircraft maintenance functions currently being performed by (109) military personnel at various locations; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3497. A communication from the Federal Register Certifying Officer, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Administrative Offset Under Reciprocal Agreements with States" (RIN1510-AB23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3498. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Fluorescent Lamp Ballasts (Standby Mode)" (RIN1904-AB77) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2009; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3499. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Residual Radioactive and Beryllium Contamination at Atomic Weapons Employer Facilities and Beryllium Vendor Facilities"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3500. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of the Government of Cuba's compliance with the United States-Cuba September 1994 "Joint Communiqué" and on the treatment of persons returned to Cuba in accordance with the United States-Cuba May 1995 "Joint Statement"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3501. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the proposed removal from the U.S. Munitions List of civil aircraft equipped with the Biz Jet Matador Installation Kit (A-Kit); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3502. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the proposed removal from the U.S. Munitions List of civil aircraft equipped with the JETEYE Counter-MANSPADS Installation Kit (A-Kit); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3503. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the proposed removal from the U.S. Munitions List of civil aircraft equipped with the Guardian System Aircraft Provisioning Kit (APK); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3504. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services relative to the Proton launch of the Telstar 14R Commercial Communication Satellite from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3505. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services relative to the manufacture of control section units and associated electronics modules for AIM-120 Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile for end-use by the United States of American in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.